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Rep. Kitchens Appointed to WCM Council

Madison – Yesterday, Governor Scott Walker appointed State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) to serve as the Assembly Representative on the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council (WCM Council).

The WCM Council works cooperatively with state, local, and tribal government agencies and non-profit organizations to manage the ecological, economic, and aesthetic assets of the Great Lakes and their coastal areas. Their mission is to preserve, protect, develop and where possible restore or enhance, the resources of Wisconsin's coastal areas. The WCM Council assigns grants to local projects that complement their mission.

“There are 820 miles of coastline in Wisconsin,” said Rep. Kitchens. “I look forward to serving on this council. The 1st Assembly District alone contains a large portion of our coastline. The WCM Council awards grants to projects all over the state, and last year, our district received at least \$86,000.”

\$1.5 million is available through the 2016-17 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) and will go towards funding community planning and development, coastal habitat conservation and restoration, coastal water quality protection, coordination and public involvement, coastal hazards, and public access.

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